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Rally Opens Red Cross Fund Drive

Lunch Hour Dancing To Highspot Campaign

McGuire's quota in the \$200,000,000 nationwide American Red Cross drive will go well over the top, predicted Captain Pierre P. Lahens, Jr., liaison officer to commanding officer Colonel P. E. Duggins and chairman of the post Red Cross Fund committee.

The Red Cross drive here was launched well in advance of the national campaign by a special civilian rally held in the Red Cross hall early this week.

"Two of the most beautiful girls in Richmond provided collection boxes for the convenience of GIs in the playline this week," said the captain as he promised that lunch hour dancing in the Red Cross auditorium from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. would mark the drive until its close on Saturday, March 10.

The two lovelies stationed in the arcade daily from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. will also stay on the job until the end of the drive, the captain stated.

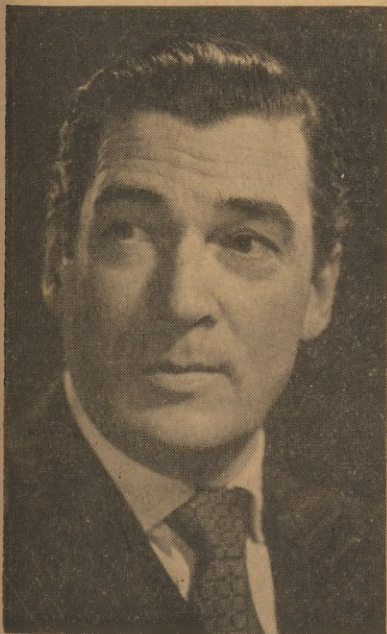
"Twelve beautiful girls equipped with collection boxes will appear with the McGuire band ward show tonight," announced Captain Lahens.

Proceeds of the benefit dance and party sponsored by post Majors to be staged in the Officers' Recreation Center on Saturday will be turned over to the Red Cross fund, and receipts from the many civilian rallies on the post are expected to add materially to the total.

The civilian rallies will be held at various times throughout the drive and wounded overseas veterans will speak before each rally.

Colonel Duggins is honorary chairman of the Red Cross drive (Continued on page 2)

Walter Pidgeon Coming



Walter Pidgeon, co-star with Greer Garson in such movie hits as "Mrs. Parkington," "Mrs. Miniver" and "Madame Curie" comes to McGuire next Wednesday for a two-day visit with patients.

He will tour hospital wards under the auspices of the Special Services Division.



JEEP TO KEEP—Pfc. Billie Hahnen, War 64, won't part with his jeep, but he'll give Sgt. Milton Vaughan, right, pointers on making them look really GI. Parts for 288 model jeeps have been made available to patients through Occupational Therapy by the Willys-Overland Co. Patients pay \$2.50 if they want to keep their completed jeeps, or they receive \$2.50 from the company if they prefer to turn them in assembled.

USO Camp Unit, 'Have Fun,' Hitches Up Here Wednesday

From the footlights of Broadway and the world, "Have Fun," USO-Camp Shows' newest production, brings song, dance, an eyeful of juggling femininity and a barracks bag full of belly laughs to the Red Cross auditorium Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The troupe will tour wards for bed-confined patients Wednesday.

'Monkeyshines' Staged Tonight in Temporary Shift

"Monkeyshines at McGuire" continues to hold top place in popularity among McGuire patients. This zany, rollicking all-patient 30-minute radio show romps over the air each week via WRNL directly from the patients' recreation hall. The show this week will be staged and transcribed tonight instead of Friday night and will be re-broadcast tomorrow night at the regular time. Tonight at 7 p.m. the usual pre-broadcast warmup will precede the transcription.

Tonight's show will feature patients in hilarious gags and consequences.

"Open House at McGuire" will be broadcast as usual Saturday at 4 (Continued on page 4)

Red Cross Drive Sparkled by Majors

Touching off McGuire's drive to raise funds for the American Red Cross, a party and dance sponsored by post majors will hold forth in Officers Recreation Center Saturday night.

The party will feature games from 8 to 11 p.m., all proceeds to go to the fund drive, followed by dancing from 11 p.m. Pvt. Eddie Weaver and the McGuire band have donated their services for the affair.

Dress for the occasion is optional.

"Two little guys with a great big act," Fortunello and Circillio, come with a comedy pantomime and acrobatic act which has played such theaters as New York's Radio City, Capitol, Roxy, Paramount and Palace. They have also entertained in Italy, France, Spain and England.

A gal with a riotous comedy act, Corky Bowen, does, among other things, a take-off song and dance on a Hawaiian dancer and her modern version of a Bowery number. She also plays the ukelele and sings verses specially written for the occasion.

Guitar virtuoso Don Renato, who also appears, was dubbed by members of Xavier Cugat's Orchestra, "The wizard of lightning fingers and mellow tone."

Gary Morton, madman of mimicry, made his name at New York's famous Waldorf-Astoria, Commodore Hotel and the more popular clubs.

Deane Janis, featured vocalist with name bands and radio singing star, will give her version of the Oklahoma score, Tessie's torch songs, "Night and Day" and other all-time hits.

Lorraine Vernon will display perfect timing in her juggling art.

Saturday Movie

Bing Crosby and two Betty Huttons star in "Here Come the Waves," which takes the movie spotlight Saturday night in the Red Cross auditorium for patients at 7 p.m.

Furlough and Cash To 2 McGuirites For Suggestions

McGuire's personnel branches have again scored on suggestion committee records.

S-Sgt. Irving N. Perry, Military Personnel Branch, was awarded a 24-day furlough last week in recognition of his idea for paying enlisted personnel in small groups, thus eliminating a long waiting line and simultaneous absence of personnel from work.

"The change has resulted in an appreciable saving of time for each individual receiving payment," reported Captain Jess H. Mann, commanding officer, Headquarters Detachment.

Another recent winner is Miss Irene Wright, Civilian Personnel Branch. She received five dollars (Continued on page 2)

59 Cadet Nurses Here To Train

Scheduled to Stay Six Month Period

Fifty-nine senior cadet nurses have arrived at McGuire this week for six months hospital service and final training before taking examinations to qualify as registered nurses, it was announced by Lt. Col. Katharine V. Jolliffe, principal chief nurse.

Cadets will work in wards under the supervision of army nurses. Lt. Mary J. King has been appointed director of the cadet nurse program, while Lt. Ruth Khouri will serve as assistant director.

A six-day, 48-hour per week schedule for cadets includes two hours of nursing classes and three hours of military orientation including dismounted drill. Organized athletics in the gym will take up one evening per week.

All senior cadets have completed 2½ years of academic training in hospitals of their own choice. After completion of their six months' clinical experience at McGuire, cadets have a choice of joining the Army, Navy, Veterans Administration or entering essential civilian nursing.

MOST WILL ENLIST

Past experience has shown, according to Lt. King, that most cadets will elect to join one of the armed services.

While stationed at McGuire, senior cadets receive \$60 per month, one dollar per day subsistence and free quarters and laundry. They will be quartered and will mess on officers' status and are eligible for associate membership in the Officers' Club.

Although six months ward training is required for state registration as nurses, it was emphasized by Lt. King that the cadet program is designed for service to army and navy hospitals.

During off-duty hours, senior cadets will wear the regular cadet nurse uniform with two maltese (Continued on page 3)

Hotel Reservations Cinched For Soldiers in Richmond

Hotel accommodations for soldiers passing through or visiting Richmond on furlough or travelling under orders have been arranged through agreement between Virginia District headquarters and managers of local hotels, it was announced this week.

Rooms will be held each day for officers and enlisted men until 6 p.m. at USO clubs at

201 East Grace (white), 212 East Leigh (colored), and Officers Club of Richmond (officers only), 518 W. Franklin St.

Priority in reservations for rooms held by these agencies has been assigned as follows:

1. Army and Navy traveling under official orders.
 2. Overseas personnel on leave or furlough.
 3. Personnel on leave or furlough from another city.
 4. Families of personnel on leave or furlough from another city.
 5. Personnel within the local area on pass.
- Personnel traveling under orders

also may obtain rooms by calling Virginia District headquarters, 309 Parcel Post Building, telephone 7-0301.

Soldiers seeking accommodations under this program must appear in person at one of the authorized agencies and make application. They will be given a reservation card to be presented to the hotel concerned, and will be assigned a room under the hotel's quota.

In addition to the emergency accommodation program, hotels will continue to provide rooms for service personnel writing or wiring in advance for reservations.

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It Isn't All in the Scorebook

Judging from the basketball season's scorebook, the record rolled up by the McGuire Generals will hardly make the 1945 World Almanac.

A look at the history of the team and the handicaps they have overcome to finish out their season, let alone turn in a good playing record, sheds new light and places credit on every individual concerned.

The Generals never started their season with the idea of setting the service command on its athletic ear. They had the more important job to perform serving America's war wounded. That had to come first.

But the fellows wanted to play ball, too. In the face of long daily working schedules—many worked as long as 12 hours a day—they chose for themselves a captain, who himself lived in no goldbrick's paradise as detachment first sergeant, they signed up in any league which offered sporting competition, and they played ball.

Three weeks of practice, working out on the gym floor any night their duties allowed, was the only drilling the men had had before the season opened or have ever been able to get in since. The year's two top scorers, Bill Cheswick and team captain Bill Allison, played despite serious knee and ankle disabilities, respectively.

The McGuirettes, too, have set a pace in determination for all of us to think about. Some girls' teams in the area will have garnered better than our girl's 6 won and 6 lost record when the season's last point is scored.

But the scorebook will not carry a footnote of supports sacrificed so that extra hours of practice could be gained between working time and game time. It will not tell of girls living in the city's outskirts who gave up convenient transportation home to put in an extra hour of floor drill for a winning team.

The Generals and McGuirettes were out for sport. The spirit of sportmanship which they have earned reflects not only upon themselves but upon the entire post they represent.

Rally Opens Red Cross Fund Drive

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committee, Lt. Colonel William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., is chairman, and civilian training supervisor Miss Leonora Dalton is in charge of civilian participation.

"I am confident that every member of McGuire personnel will support this 1945 American Red Cross War Fund Drive to the fullest extent," Col. Duggins commented, "and in order to make it possible for every one to contribute, 'minute men' have been appointed from each section to accept contributions.

"The Red Cross has done and will continue to provide a service of national and international scope. Aid rendered in the past during emergencies as well as its magnificent accomplishments in wartime has justified its existence and its value to humanity," said the colonel.

Of the Red Cross budget of \$200,000,000 for 1945 required for its greatly expanded wartime activities, only slightly more than one per cent is earmarked for administrative costs. The major portion of all receipts will be used for the various services now being rendered to the armed forces.

Here at McGuire those services include recreation, social service, information, transportation, nurses' and dietitians' aides, sewing and mending services, and numerous other services provided for the comfort, well-being, convenience and morale of McGuire patients.

Red Cross war activities have meant 5,000,000 pints of blood and plasma made available for our wounded soldiers held as prisoners of war, 2,000,000 meals each month served to military personnel overseas, 1,000 emergency messages pertaining to soldiers' problems daily

Four Officer Patients Promoted To 1st Lieutenant

In accordance with a new army ruling providing for promotion of second lieutenants and privates above table of organization authorizations, four officer patients were promoted to first lieutenants this week by commanding officer Colonel P. E. Duggins.

The promoted patients are:

- 2nd Lt. William A. Ahern
- 2nd Lt. Max B. Fisher
- 2nd Lt. Dale N. Lingenbach
- 2nd Lt. Harold H. Shenk

Enlisted men or women must have served satisfactorily for one year, or have served outside the United States, for promotion to Pfc., though no authorized TO vacancy exists. Second lieutenants must have served 18 months in grade before being eligible for promotion without regard to TO vacancies. Service outside the United States is computed as the time-and-one-half in computing the service in grade.

Classified ad in New Britain, Conn. Herald: "WANTED—Janitor; must understand boilers; also cleaning woman. Apply or call Teachers College."

passed between local Red Cross chapters and 5,724 Red Cross representatives serving over seas, and welfare services and loans too numerous to list which have been provided for service men and their families.

The purpose of this Red Cross War Fund drive is to offer every man, woman and child an opportunity to become a member of the American Red Cross for 1945, and thus provide the necessary funds for this organization to carry on its vitally important work.

Sound Off TO THE BANNER!

Dear BANNER:

"War has a lighter side." A hackneyed phrase—but, true.

When you are in a semi-dozed in the soft seat of an armchair at McGuire General Hospital and you hear two male voices rise in a crescendo of screams, you do sit up and take notice. I noticed two men, patients at the hospital. One, a rather tall muscular Manhattanite shouting "9th Division," and the other, a slender Conquistador from South America whose face reminded me of an old Spanish coin I had once seen, shouting "1st Division!"

It seems Keyes, the Manhattanite and Almeida, the old Spanish coin were trying to prove who had the most callouses. Callouses as we all know are the trademark of the infantryman. Keyes, an engineer, swore he had landed on the North African beaches at least three seconds before Almeida and the 1st Division (which just tagged along for the excitement).

To prove this great maneuver, a third party, with an impartial view was necessary—a man of sound statistical facts—a man—well, figure it out for yourself. And so, Schochet, a man of few facts, and even those were unsound, joined the squabble and being a 1st Division man himself, his impartiality died before it had a chance to rear its head.

From there on, such choice remarks as "you're a mule's head" or "g'wan, you dirty 4F'er, you're nuthin' but a cook", were thrown about with great abandon.

Almeida shouted at Keyes that when he was wounded for the first time, he was sent 1,000 miles to the rear and there found Keyes . . . of the 9th Division shining his CO's shoes. And Keyes, not without wit, vindicated the 9th, by stating that he, accompanied by the CO had been busy blowing up a bridge or two so that the 1st Division could advance and after their chore was finished they had gone to the rear to clean up a bit. Schochet just sat and added nary a pro or a con.

Very soon, however, our two wounded veterans of many campaigns, were throwing such sundry items as planes, tanks and a few prehistoric monsters into the fray. The harangue continued for weeks, growing all the more animated as it aged. By then, our heroes, exhausted, hoarse of throat, didn't give a GOOD G—— (oh, excuse me,) what I mean is they didn't give a whit as to who was there, and if they were there, said Almeida, drawing on tomorrow's ration of strength, it was because THE FIRST DIVISION HAD PROBABLY PAVED THE WAY, and so on and so on and so on, through the nights and days and weeks and months into eternity. But, you can be sure when Almeida gets to Heaven, Keyes will be there building bridges for Almeida to cross——AMEN.

Mrs. Sidney Schochet
Wife of Patient, Ward 43

Dear BANNER:

Here is a little poem I have written to a medical technician at McGuire, whom I call:

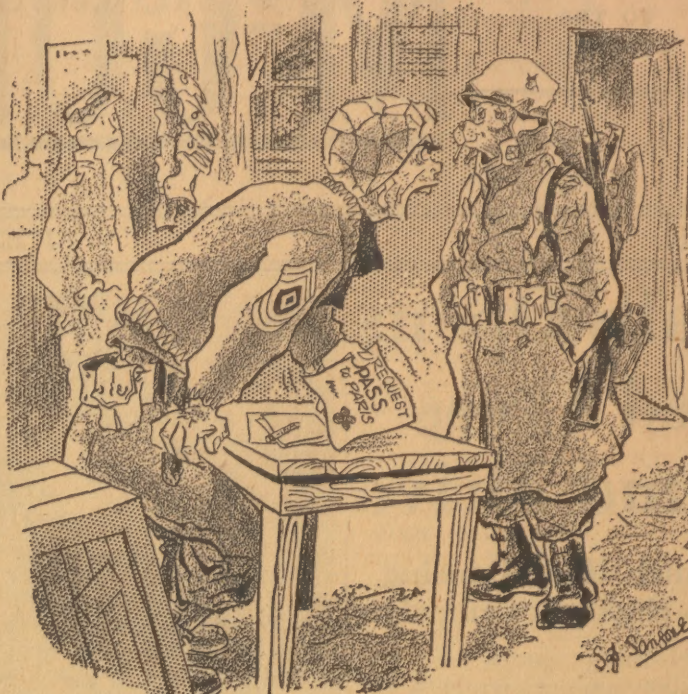
ROSEWATER
Once, not so long ago
I met a girl of destiny. . .
To meet a prettier girl
One would have to search
From sea to sea

Rosewater was the name
Given to the girl of destiny
She was born under a lucky star
As anyone could plainly see
With one look into her big brown eyes.

Rosewater, sweet Rosewater,
Your eighteenth year
Will soon be history. . .
And a lady you shall be.
Here is one person, my sweet,
Who sincerely wishes
That your star of destiny

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"PARIS-SHMARIS! Who d'ya think you are—Charles Boyer?"

Furlough and Cash To 2 McGuirites

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for suggesting that carbon paper furnished with certain routine government forms used in Civilian Personnel be retained for further use rather than be discarded after using once as was formerly the practice. Experiment showed that the carbon is of a grade that permits satisfactory use at least sixteen times, this constituting in a year's time a worth-while monetary saving.

Suggestions offered during February have covered a wide range of subjects, several of which are now being considered for adoption.

GL SHAVINGS BY Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT McGUIRE—Have you ever heard of a soldier who was sorry his troopship sailed for home? No? Then meet S-Sgt. Stanley Walker, another temporary Air Corps representative. Stan was stationed in England for a long time and at a dance one night met the young lady who later became Mrs. Walker. After thirty-two months in the ETO, it came time for the Walkers to sail for the States and all legal angles were successfully worked out to the satisfaction of both governments. But alas, just before sailing time civilian travel was restricted and Stanley arrived alone and broken hearted. All further efforts to bring his wife here have failed and now it's a question of her coming over here or his going back there!

OUR OWN BASKETBALL SCANDAL—Did you know that the whistle-blower who referees most of our games at the gym is the Chaplain from the Naval Training School, by name Merle Irwin? And did you know that because of his rugged, clever playing for said Navy quintet has been christened by local sports followers as the "Cagey Chaplain"?

ALUMNI NOTE: Former McGuire T-Sgt. Dick Cousins, now Lieutenant Richard Cousins, Sanitary Corps, is returning salutes in the neighborhood of Gardiner General Hospital, where he is a bacteriology specialist.

Will keep you sweet and lovely Forever and ever.
Pvt. Vincent E. Rondinone
Patient, Ward 64

THAT'S OUR BOY—While doing the town of Miami following a DS, Herb Goldberg chanced upon a Servicemens' Center and dropped in, only to find Bob Panofsky in the middle of things. Bob, also on DS, was entertaining at the piano and nearly brought the house down. So well liked were his offerings the management offered to pay the maestro should he care to stay.

Any girl can be gay
In a classy coupe,
In a taxicab all can be jolly.
But the girl worth while
Is the girl who can smile
When you're taking her home on the trolley.

GOOD LUCK—Just in case you've missed them, Cpl. Elmer Bowen and Pfc. Robert L. Bates, two of our MP's, are in the midst of a ten-day trial, determining whether or not they will become members of the 3rd Service Command Highway Patrol. Bob Bates was a Virginia state patrolman in his civilian days.

STAR DUST—Through a break in their schedules, Pfc. John Ryan and Pvt. Vincent Mele had a layover near Hollywood so they decided to take in the Hollywood Canteen. "Just like the picture" is the report we've received.

SUGGESTION—Wouldn't it be a lot less embarrassing if a warning device of some kind could be installed at the post pic palace, so that when those house lights go on unscheduled the GI wolves could return to "at ease"? Lately, some fellows have been caught in rather awkward positions.

Soldiers Get a Break On '44 Income Tax Return

It's no news that men and women in the armed forces must file income tax returns, but there are a number of privileges and benefits granted to service men and women which simplify the process for them.

For instance, the first \$1,500 of active-service pay received each year by a member of the armed forces is exempt from tax. Consequently, most members of the armed forces are not required to file returns.

Income includes all cash pay received by a member of the armed forces, plus amounts deducted for the purchase of War Bonds and amounts deducted for the payment of family allowances and allotments of pay to dependents. However, the amount the Government contributed to the family allowance to dependents is not included in income. These contributions are in the nature of a gift by the Government and are not taxable either as income received by the service man, or by the dependent. A service man may also exclude from income allowances received for subsistence and quarters and any allowance for the purchase of uniforms. Veterans may exclude amounts received as compensation payments, annuities or similar allowances for personal injuries or sickness resulting from active service in the armed forces, and mustering-out payments.

TAX DEFERMENTS

Persons serving in the United States whose sole income is military pay must file their return by the 15th of March on income for the previous year with the Collector of Internal Revenue in the district in which they lived prior to entering the service. However, any such person may obtain deferment of payment of the tax up to six months after the termination of his service in the event that he can show that his ability to pay is materially impaired by his military service.

With respect to members of the armed forces who are serving outside the continental limits of the United States, or who are prisoners of war, the filing of tax returns and the payment of taxes due, or becoming due while in that status, may be postponed until the fifteenth day of the third month after the end of the war.

It is not necessary for service men in the above categories to show inability to pay to defer the tax, but when they are no longer within these classes, any further deferment may be obtained only by showing that their ability to pay has been materially affected by their service.

REFUND ON DEATH

The unpaid income tax assessment against any individual who dies while in active service prior to the termination of the present war, is cancelled. If the tax due at the service man's death has since been paid, it will be refunded upon application therefor. This provision is retroactive to December 1941.

In addition to other authorized deductions, a member of the armed forces is also entitled to a personal exemption of \$500 for normal tax purposes, and a credit of \$500 for each of his dependents for surtax purposes. Further, married members of the armed forces may file joint returns with their wives or husbands, but the privilege of suspension of payment mentioned above will not be accorded on joint returns, unless both are members of the armed forces.

59 Cadet Nurses Here to Train

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crosses on their shoulders. While on duty, the uniforms of hospitals where the cadets took their academic training will be worn.

Of the 59 cadets here, 53 are from Pennsylvania hospitals, while the remaining six are from Virginia.

Cadets will elect their student government to handle group affairs, and to direct social activities.

Library Confab Here Plans Wider Patient Services

Librarians from eight hospitals in Third Service Command, including the command's four general hospitals, concluded a two-day conference here Tuesday, during which plans were discussed and set up for training of volunteer and paid library assistants.

Methods of expanding library use among patients as discussed at the conference will be brought to other hospitals by librarians attending, and will be used as the basis for instruction of new library assistants recruited to meet the needs of growing numbers of patients returning from overseas.

Hospitals represented were McGuire General, Deshon General, Valley Forge General, Woodrow Wilson General, Fort Story Convalescent, Camp Lee Regional and Fort Meade Regional hospitals.

Lt. Col. Preston D. Callum, athletic and recreation branch chief of service command Special Services Division presided over the conference. Other library officials attending included Mrs. M. N. Riley, service command librarian, Captain G. C. Hall, WAC, Continental U. S. Library chief, who came here from New York, Dr. Howard H. Russell, service command civilian training branch chief, and Lt. A. C. Podesta, chief, service command entertainment and recreation section.

McGuire personnel who addressed the conference included Colonel P. E. Duggins, commanding officer, Major C. M. Muckle, chief, reconditioning service, Major John H. Grindlay, chief, professional services, Mrs. Ruth Emmett, occupational therapist, Lt. Robert T. Morrison, separation and classification chief, Miss Frances T. Southall, Red Cross Field Director, Miss Virginia Greene, assistant librarian, Lt. David S. Yoakley, special services officer, Major John G. Novak, chief, neuro-psychiatric service, Lt. David W. Tieszen, information and education officer, and Captain Anna Belle McNeal, chief nurse, train division.

New York (CNS) — This sign hangs in an East-side tailor's shop that specializes in uniforms for Wacs and Waves: "We fill out government forms."



Gardner makes up for notes he couldn't squeeze out while a prisoner of the Japanese.

Yank Tin Fish Free Gardner From Japanese Prison Ship

American torpedoes smashing into the side of the Japanese transport in which he was imprisoned paved the way for Corporal Walter E. Gardner's return home—but they cost the lives of 668 fellow American soldiers.

Gardner, patient in Ward 68, and 749 other Americans were being transferred from one island prisoner of war camp to another in the Philippines.

last September 7 when the torpedoes crashed into the ship. Only 83 of the prisoners managed to escape. Most of the others were slaughtered by the Japs as they swam helplessly in the water near the foundered ship.

The young corporal—he's 22 years old and already a veteran of nearly four years in the army—was a prisoner of the Japs from May 17, 1942, until the torpedoes struck last September. That adds up to 28 months—months Gardner would just as soon forget.

Today Gardner is recuperating from his more than two years in Jap prison camps in the Philippines. He's had a 90-day furlough, during which time he regained his normal weight of about 150 pounds after dropping to nearly 100 pounds at the time of his rescue.

The youth's mother lives at 87 26 St., Woodhaven, Queens, New York.

Gardner has many memories of the days and nights in prison under threat of punishment by brutal Jap guards, but the 19 days he spent crammed into the tiny 40 by 50 foot hold of the prison ship with 500 other men probably ranks among the worst.

"It was pretty bad down there," he admitted. "We slept—what sleep-

ing we could do—sort of in shifts, because there wasn't enough room for lying down unless some remained standing. The food was rice, boiled dry, and once or twice a day they'd lower a barrel of water to us, enough so that we had about a glass apiece. There was no sanitary facilities.

"As I remember we were allowed on deck twice during the 19 days and then they let us wash ourselves with sea water.

"We were in a convoy and the Americans attacked us frequently, since they had no way of knowing the Japs had prisoners aboard the ships. During the attacks, the Japs would put a piece of canvas over the hatch opening and we'd almost suffocate. Once they kept it on for about 13 hours and more than 100 men lost consciousness."

After the torpedoes struck the ship, freeing the prisoners, Gardner swam to the surface and found a piece of floating debris. All around him were his fellow prisoners, struggling in the water.

"The Japs on our ship that escaped were picked up by the others in the convoy," Gardner said. "But as for us Americans they just shot us as we swam around. And when they weren't shooting, they were reaching over the sides of their boats and using their bayonets and sabers.

"Luckily, they didn't notice me and I managed to get away. I was in the water for about three hours and finally hit land. All together, 83 of us made it to safety.

Gardner and the other Americans were sheltered by guerrillas and left the island by submarine for Australia and subsequently returned to this country. Gardner arrived in San Francisco on Nov. 6, 1944.

The youth was a member of the 19th Bombardment Group stationed at Clark Field at the time of the initial attack. His unit was forced to retreat to Mindanao under ceaseless bombing by the Japs in the early days of the war, but managed to hold out until May 17, 1942, before surrendering.

Of life in the prison camps Gardner had little to say.

"We ate two scanty meals a day of rice and soup, and worked in the rice fields or building airports most of the time.

"The Japs were brutal and strict. The slightest disobedience was punished instantly. You had to keep in line or take the consequences.

"We didn't have any real news of the war all the time I was a prisoner. The Japs used to tell us once

PWs Neither Coddled Nor Mistreated

Considerable unrest has been caused by people in this country because of general ignorance of the Army's method of handling prisoners of war.

With a recent memorandum from Third Service Command headquarters forecasting a wider use in the future of prisoners of war on army posts, including McGuire, the BANNER offers the following report of general treatment of PWs interned in the United States.

Observations of prison camps by such interested parties as the American Legion, radio commentators etc., show that the PW's are not being coddled nor are they being abused or mistreated. Handled in accordance with the terms expressed at the Geneva Convention these PW's are being utilized to supplement labor shortages in many critical areas.

Prisoners of war have already earned \$102,000,000 for the federal government. This sum represents \$22,000,000 paid to the Treasury by private contractors for PW labor, plus an estimated saving of \$80,000,000 for such labor by use in camps, posts and stations.

MUST WORK FOR ARMY

Of the more than 350,000 PWs in this country, selected groups have worked 19,569,719 days for the army and 10,181,273 days for private contractors. For the army, 3,500 PWs worked in laundries, 9,000 on clothing and equipment, 10,000 in warehouses and quartermaster shops, 14,000 in maintenance of buildings, utilities, grounds and roads, 7,000 in motor maintenance and repair and 12,000 in bakeries and messes.

Scotching persistent rumors of escapes, Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, Provost Marshal General, stated at a recent press conference that of a total of 1,073 German, 227 Italian, and one Japanese escaped prisoners of war as of February 9, 1945, all were apprehended except seven German and seven Italians.

Enlisted personnel may be used, and are used, in work projects not directly connected with military operations. Those who work are paid at the rate of 80 cents per day. Those who do not work are paid at the rate of 10 cents a day.

PRIVATES BOUND

Privates can be required to work, but non coms can only be used in supervisory capacities. Officer prisoners cannot be required to work.

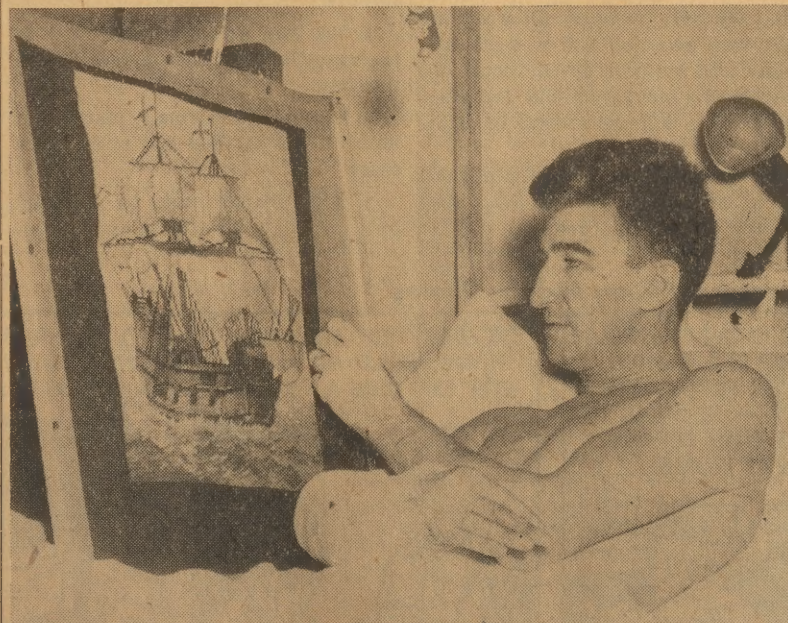
In no way are these prisoners of war utilized in competition with available labor. When labor is handy, the government moves the PW's out. Some times these PW's are hired by private industry for which the Government receives the prevailing wages. The PW's still get a total of 80 cents, and the Government is instructed by the Geneva Convention to pocket the difference.

A bread and water diet has been found most effective in curbing sit down strikes. There is no time limitation on this bread and water policy, and the diet is served exclusively until the work is resumed. Few strikes are the result.

in a while that New York was bombed, but we didn't believe it. They told us often that San Francisco had been flattened, but we didn't believe that either. I don't know why, but we just knew that the Japs couldn't have done it.

"We had no mail, either. Once in awhile they'd bring around typewritten cards saying we were all right and we signed them. I signed quite a few at different times, but my folks only got one or two. I don't know what happened to the rest.

Gardner, just out of high school when he enlisted in March, 1941, prefers to stay in the army until the war is over. He has been awarded a Distinguished Unit citation, along with other survivors of the torpedoing, and the Purple Heart medal.



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED M. KECK, of Roosevelt, Long Island, McGuire patient in ward 39, with a needle point piece he has completed since his arrival at the hospital. Twice wounded in overseas combat, Keck wears the Purple Heart with cluster. "A nurse in a General Hospital in England gave one of the fellows a piece of needlepoint to work on," Keck said. "I didn't know anything about it, but remembered seeing my grandmother working on some when I was a kid, so the fellow and I got our heads together and figured it out and that's how I became interested in doing this piece."

Military Personnel Cops Lead in Post Tourney

A powerful Military Personnel quintet roared from behind Tuesday night to defeat the Blackjack Five, 25 to 20, in the only overtime game played so far in the intrapost Basketball tournament underway at the gymnasium.

The victory, sparked by Bob Conway and Bill Allison, gave Military Personnel undisputed possession of first place in the round-robin tourney at the

Response to Call For Bandage Aid 'Bit Disappointing'

The number of civilian women employees and wives of patients and duty personnel who have responded to call for help in making surgical dressings has been "a bit disappointing," according to Miss Adeline McCalley, secretary to post adjutant CWO Lawrence E. Roffman, who has been sponsoring this project.

"We are very grateful and appreciative for the work of the faithful few who always attend the meetings," said Miss McCalley, "and I hope more women will attend now that Colonel Duggins has given us larger quarters in the basement of Building 303.

"Beginning this Thursday, evening, the civilian women's group will meet at 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the new quarters instead of our former place in nurses' quarters number 3.

"It is not necessary that all women who attend remain for the full two hours as many women have home duties that require their getting home early. But even a half-hour's time given to this important work will greatly aid in reducing the critical shortage of surgical dressings here at McGuire," Miss McCalley said.

Civilian women employees or wives of patients or duty personnel who wish to join the group that is doing this vitally important work are invited to get in touch with Miss McCalley on extension 203, or come directly to the basement of Building 303 on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

'Monkeyshines' Staged Tonight

(Continued from page 1) p.m. over station WRVA. This weeks broadcast will tell the story of Pfc. Jack M. Newsome, wounded three times within three hours during the campaign for St. Lo.; and the story of a bottle of wine earmarked for the Americans by a Belgian patriot and how the bottle of wine, the patriot and Pfc. Leonard Taborelli got together when Taborelli took part in the battle of the Belgian bulge.

Musical high-lights of the "Open House" show will be a novelty ditty "Tabby the Cat" as sung by Cpl. Joe Wright who made such a hit with last week's listeners in his song version of "One Meat Ball"; and Pvt. Vic (Sinatra) Gallucci's singing of his own composition "Will You Ever Come My Way" with music arrangements by Pvt. Ralph Phillips.

end of the third round of games, and shoved the Blackjacks, previously undefeated, into a second-place tie.

Furious battling marked Tuesday's game, which was knotted up 18-all at the end of the regulation time. Conway sank a one-hander on the opening tip-off of the overtime and followed with a free throw, and Allison added a pair of baskets to give Military Personnel the win. Allison, with 13 points, was high individual scorer. Cy Miller paced the Blackjacks with eight.

The Klassy Kwintet, pre-tournament favorite, won its first game, 38 to 20, from the Train Division, as Hoffman and Cronin scored 10 points a piece. Younshonus was high for the losers with five.

Yoakley's Yogies remained in a tie for second place by defeating the Bed-Pan Commandos, 24 to 14, in the other third-round game. Yoakley was high for the winners with 11 points and Rennie led the Commandos with six.

Second-round games saw the Blackjacks beat the Klassy Kwintet, 31 to 20; Yoakley's Yogies victorious over the Train Division, 33 to 26, and Military Personnel nudge the Bed-Pan Commandos, 21 to 11.

Tournament standings at the end of the third round:

	W	L
Military Personnel	3	0
Blackjack Five	2	1
Yoakley's Yogies	2	1
Train Division	1	2
Klassy Kwintet	1	2
Commandos	0	3

Schedule:
Thursday, March 1—Yoakley's Yogies vs. Klassy Kwintet, 8:30.
Friday, March 2—Yoakley's Yogies vs. Military Personnel, 7; Bed-Pan Commandos vs. Klassy Kwintet, 8:30.
Monday, March 5—Blackjack Five vs. Train Division, 7:30.
Tuesday, March 6—Bed-Pan Commandos vs. Blackjack Five, 7; Military Personnel vs. Train Division, 8:15.
Wednesday, March 7—Championship game, with preliminary by McGuirettes.

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, March 1. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Patients admitted to first show only.

Thursday—"Thunderhead, Son of Flicka," with Roddy McDowall and Preston Foster.

Saturday—"The Great Flamarion," with Erich von Stroheim and Mary Beth Hughes.

Sunday—"A Tree Grows In Brooklyn," with Joan Blondell, Dorothy McGuire and Peggy Ann Garner.

Tuesday—Double Feature: "I Love A Mystery," with Jim Bannon and Nina Foch; also "Her Lucky Night," with the Andrews Sisters, Martha O'Driscoll and Noah Beery, Jr.

Wednesday—"Betrayal From The East," with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly.



ART MISSION—McGuire patient Tony Janivaris touches up his oil representation of a super-streamlined bomber, guaranteed to add something new to ideas for aircraft advances. Tony will enter his painting in the National Army Arts Contest.

Cheswick Earns No. 1 Spot In Generals' Season Scoring

Big Bill Cheswick, six foot six inch center, annexed high individual scoring honors for the McGuire Generals during the 1944-45 basketball season which ended Saturday night.

Cheswick slammed home 286 points in the 29 games in which he played for an average of 9.8 counters a contest. Specializing in a left-handed hook shot, the rangy pivot man counted 131 field goals and 24 free throws to amass his total.

1st Sgt. Bill Allison averaged 8.5 points a game to follow Cheswick in the total points column with 204. Allison, an outstanding ball-handler, appeared in 24 games, scoring 84 times from the field and 36 times from the foul line.

Twenty-four points in the last two games helped Charley Wolf grab third place among individual scorers with 143 points, and Bill Cronin also topped the century total with 105 markers.

The Generals, playing their first season of organized basketball, won nine of 34 games in the season just closed, with a great majority of their losses to teams ranked among the top quintets in this part of the country.

The Generals closed their regular campaign with a 41-30 victory over Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Allison and Wolf sharing scoring honors with 10 points each. The McGuirettes opened the twin bill at the gymnasium with a 26-9 victory over Smithdeal-Massey College as Marjorie Grey Dunn sparked the offensive with 12 points.

Both teams lost return games to Hampton Roads POE teams earlier in the week, the Generals bowing to the men's team by 64-35 despite Wolf's 14 points, and the McGuirettes dropping a 34-22 decision to a

Air Base Tournament

The McGuire Generals have accepted an invitation to play in the basketball tournament sponsored by the Richmond Army Air Base, it was announced today by Lt. David S. Yoakley, special services officer.

The tournament will be played at the Air Base on March 5, 6, 7 and 8, with pairing and drawing to be announced the afternoon of Friday, March 2.

Trophies will be awarded to the team finishing in the first three places following the four days of play.

civilian sextet although Florence "Ace" Andrews contributed 12 points.

Final scoring statistics for the Generals, compiled by Cpl. Al Bianco, team manager, follow:

	FG	FT	TP
Cheswick	131	24	286
Allison	84	36	204
Wolf	64	15	143
Cronin	44	17	105
Yoakley	39	12	90
Hoffman	24	8	56
Ancypowic	21	10	52
Scanlon	19	13	51
Conway	18	10	46
Ashley	13	8	34
Stevenson	13	3	29
Miller	9	3	21
Coggins	4	1	9
Roffman	0	1	1

more than that. Your former wife would receive the \$42 allowed a divorced wife, plus the \$30 for the child, a total of \$72.00

Q. Does the wife of a serviceman have to be dependent to receive a pension if he is killed in action?

A. No. The wife does not have to be dependent in order to receive the pension.

Q. Can a serviceman marry an Army nurse if they are both overseas?

A. This matter can be handled only by their Theater Commander.

Eight \$50 Bonds Await Art Winners

McGuire entries in the National Army Arts Contest mounted to five this week with the entry by Cpl. Frank S. Rowley, Jr., recon-ditioning service, of a portrait of a McGuire nurse. Model for the oil, which is designed for use in the current drive to recruit nurses, is Lt. Sarah Moore, operating room. Other contestants are Sgt. Edward T. Paier, directing the contest here, Pvt. Tony Janivaris, patient, Pfc. Howard Lees and Pvt. Charles Smith. Deadline for new entries is March 14.

Third Service Command headquarters has announced eight prizes of \$50 war bonds to winners of a two-weeks art show to be held in Baltimore during May, as a preliminary to the national show in Washington.

A committee of military and civilian artists and art authorities will act as judges for the Third Service Command show, to be held at the Baltimore Museum of Art, and will award the bonds, art certificates of awards and blue ribbons to winners in the following classes: oil and tempera; water color and gouache; mural designs; sculpture; renderings (city planning and landscape design); drawings; prints (lithograph and etchings); and etchings; and photographs. Second and third honorable mentions in each class will receive red and white ribbons, respectively, General Hayes said.

Art certificates of awards, signed by General Hayes, will be awarded to post winners in each of the eight classes.

\$250 Paid Weekly For GI Whoppers In Radio Contest

Can you lie like a trooper? Do you stand out like a pin-up girl in the jungle at those nightly jaw sessions?

Then here's your chance to make those battle whoppers pay off some real cash—\$250 no less.

For that's the amount being offered weekly for the next 20 weeks by Kate Smith, America's Sweetheart of Song, in a novel contest open only to patients in general hospitals throughout the country.

In a wire to McGuire, Miss Smith stated: "Believing that the telling of tall tales is particularly in the American tradition, I am starting such a contest, with a weekly award of \$250, plus ten consolation prizes totaling \$100."

The weekly winner will have his tall tale read on the Kate Smith Hour each Sunday over approximately 136 network stations at 6 p.m. with a brief story of the winning patient and the name of the hospital at which he is stationed.

But that's not all—at the end of the 20 weeks a grand prize of \$1,000 will go to one of the winners, Miss Smith declared.

Tall tales should be submitted to the Public Relations office.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Whirl it all End?

